



# OSOTMG NEWS

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**NEXT MEETING WILL BE AUGUST 4, 2015, SOCIALIZE AT 11 am, MEETING STARTS AT 11:45 AM AT TREA 39, 15821 CENTRETECH CIRCLE, AURORA, CO 80011. Please remember to RSVP for the Luncheon to Paul Turner 303-366-6770, cost is \$12.00. LUNCHEONS ARE NOW EVERY MONTH. CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO: [HTTP://WWW.OSOMG.ORG](http://www.osomg.org)**

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## 2 JUNE 2015 MINUTES

DO Neary opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and Joe did the invocation.

Dewey briefed about the Veteran's Salute at the Wings collection, Nov 4th, with he and Joe collecting the \$20 per person. DO will write the check for the group.

MG Mathias celebrated 58 years of marriage.

Woody Glaser was elected President of the 1st American Legion Post.

The COANG Pig Roast, Jul 10 and 11, at the TREA 39 has many sponsors including the Chief's Counsel.

This is the Retiree Appreciation month.

Joyce Saitta briefed us about the need for more new members in NGACO AND EANGUS to increase our lobbying power.

Taps: Gary Bennett

Jan said retirements were: MSgt Josh Matthews, June 6th; Col Bill Thomas 140 FW June 6th; TSgt Jeff Clark June 6th, MSgt Travis Silver June 6th; SMSgt Greg Davidson June 6th; MSgt Thomas Merkas June 7th; CCMSgt Anadelle Kanderes Jul 11 at the Wings Over the Rockies Museum; and MSgt Don Johnson.

All of the Korea deployment folks are back.

Birthdays present were: Jan Love, Stanley Minarsky, Judy Pock, and Paul Turner.

The meeting closed and the next meeting will be July 7th at Trea 39 Facility.

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7 JULY 2015 MINUTES

Paul opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance to the flag of The United States of America and Joe said the invocation.

Joyce briefed us about the National EANGUS conference Aug 8-13 in Indianapolis and they need delegates which the cost is partially paid for.

Sick Call: Pete Triolo

Taps: Mike Sorenson, Jim Fletcher, and Elijah Thigpen.

Retirements: CCMsgt Anadelle Kanaderes, Saturday, 11 July, 1500 at the Wings Over The Rockies Museum; MSgt Don Johnson was in March; and Col Book had his retirement on June 18th.

Paul suggested that we have COANG patch on shirts as a fundraiser.

Birthdays present were: Ken Forrest(90th), Don Pipkin, and Larry Sell.

Ken Forrest briefed us about Walt Riether who was a MSgt in Fuels. He was B-29 Capt with 26 missions over Japan in WWII.

There will be a ANG Golf tournament in Las Vegas 17-19 July.

Bill Seiler was elected the Mayor of Marion, Texas and will be in their 4th of July parade.

Judy Pock briefed us on the Back to School Crayon project. 100 to Base Pharmacy; 200 to Salvation Army; 200 for Arapahoe County Christmas Party; and 200 for Aurora Police Dept.

Jan would like to use the Guard pewter pins for a fundraiser.

Meeting adjourned and will meet again at Trea 39 bldg., Tuesday, August 4th.

JUNE 2015 ATTENDANCE \*1ST TIMER

Bill Frazier	Linda Turner
Tony Burczyk	DO Neary
Stanley Minarsky	Sonja Broom
Andy Andrews	Joe Broom
Sue Andrews	Monroe Mathias
Sy Harjes	Michael Rowan
Kenneth Forrest	Michelle Rowan
Woody Glaser	Joyce Saitta
Dewey Hicks	Pat McCabe
Mike Schnurstein	Helen McCabe
Susan Schnurstein	Dan Gay
Joe Harnke	Judy Pock
Harold Brewer	Golden Sherman
Dan Heinz	
Dale Bristol	
Chuck Hoffman	
Paul Turner	

DATE BOOK 2015August 2015

4th- OSOTMG MEETING AND LUNCHEON  
5TH- Vietnam War Officially Began in 1964

September 2015

1st- Labor Day  
8th- USAF BIRTHDAY(1947)  
8th- OSOTMG MEETING AND LUNCHEON  
October 2015

6th- OSOTMG MEETING AND LUNCHEON  
12TH- Columbus Day  
13th- NAVY BIRTHDAY(1775)

November 2015

3rd- OSOTMG MEETING AND LUNCHEON  
11th- VETERAN'S DAY  
26TH- THANKSGIVING

December 2015

8th- OSOTMG MEETING AND LUNCHEON  
25TH- CHRISTMAS DAY

## Sick Call



Pete Triolo

## Taps



Gary Bennett     Elijah Thigpen  
James Fletcher  
Mike Sorenson

### JULY 2015 ATTENDANCE \*1ST TIMER

Bill Frazier	Delles Schneider
Harold Brewer	Ken McGill
Frank Mullins	Joe Broom
Reed Lutz	Sonja Broom
DO Neary	Jay Gates
Pete Hill	Dale Bristol
Mona Burkett	Paul Turner
Jerry Smith	Linda Turner
Arlo Sorheim	Golden Sherman
Dewey Hicks	Dan Gay
Don Ford	Don Pipkin
Larry Sell	Joyce Saitta
Sy Harjes	
Kenneth Forrest	
Judy Pock	
Tony Burczyk	
Dan Heinz	

### AUGUST 4 LUNCHEON

The AUGUST meeting will be catered by Golden Sherman. The meal is pita sandwich, potato salad and vegetable and costs \$12.00 per person. No dessert will be served. Bring a dessert to share for the group.

RSVP with your check or cash at the meeting OR mail your check made payable to "OSOTMG" and send it to Paul Turner, 1945 Ensenada St., Aurora, CO 80011-5353.

### JUNE 2015

JAN ALLEN  
MIKE BERTZ  
JEANNE BROWN  
PAT BROWN  
CHRIS CHANEY  
DAVE CHATMAN  
VERNON CLARK  
BEN FAGEN  
DONALD FORD  
ROBIN FOSS  
CAROLE FRANCE  
JOHN FRARY  
CURTIS GRESS  
JAN LOVE  
VIRGINIA LOVE  
JOYCE MASON  
ANN MCCAULEY  
PAT MCHENRY  
STANLEY MINARSKY  
RICHARD OELKERS  
STEVE PAHS  
RAY PANAGUITON  
JOAN PICKENS  
WILLIAM PICKENS  
JUDY POCK

KATHY SANDER  
DALE SEILER  
TOM SHULTZ  
ALLAN SKARIE  
WILLIAM SPESSHARDT  
BOB STACK  
BEN STEFFEY  
BILL SWEDELL  
DAVID THISTLEHAWK  
JIM THURMOND  
PAUL TURNER  
ALMA VALDEZ  
BILL VANDEEST  
MATT WRAY

## Birthdays



LARRY ASHER  
GILL THOMPSON  
ELTON BAGGETT  
EILEEN TRIOLO  
GEORGE BLACKWELL  
STEPHEN UPTON  
BUCK BUCKINGHAM  
LARRY WEIR  
DEB BURLACE  
HAROLD ZIMMERMAN  
TERRY BURNS  
SHIRLEY ZIMMERMAN  
RONALD CAMPBELL  
PAT CHRISTOPHER  
ANN DARVEAU  
RANDY DOLAN  
CHRIS FABER  
DICK FARMER  
DENNIS FITZGERALD  
CATHY FORREST  
KENNETH FORREST  
MARILYN FOUTS  
GEORGE FRANZEN  
THOMAS GUNNING  
JOHN HADLEY  
JOE HARNKE

### JULY 2015

TRISH HOUSLEY  
DAVID KNIPPRATH  
DARRELL KOENIG  
LARRY LANTZ  
SAM LOVELL  
MARVIN MCCASH  
RUSS MCFARLAND  
GARY MEIS  
LYNETTE MEIS  
CAROL MIELKE  
BILL MILLER  
MARY LOU MISKEN  
THOMAS MOERMOND  
DON PIPKIN  
JOHN PITTMAN  
BECKY PRICE  
MICHAEL ROWAN  
MIKE SCHUNERSTEIN  
JANE SCHOMBER  
VIVIAN SCHULTZ  
LARRY SELL  
TONY SKARIE  
BOBBIE TERROUX

HOW DUTY BY KENNETH FORREST

My service began when I volunteered for the Navy at the age of 16. I went in September 1942. I was scheduled for Great Lakes with the Navy and I volunteered for the Naval Air Station Corpus Christi and took my training there. My rate was Store Keeper 3rd class. While there; I got to see the Vought OSU Kingfisher. It was a catapult launched observation plane. I also saw the Navy M3N trainer. Not many people know that it was produced back east in Philadelphia by the Navy Aircraft Factory. At that time, the Navy had its own factory to design and build planes. I served aboard the USS Saratoga (CV 3) from December 1942 to 1946.

Editor's note: During his period of service aboard Saratoga CV-3, the ship's history notes the following: Returned to South Pacific service December '42: November '43 supported air attacks on Rabaul and the Gilberts operations: January/February '44 supported invasion of the Marshall Islands: April/May '44 assigned to the British Eastern Fleet June/September - Overhaul: February '45 Iwo Jima invasion support, February 21 '45 multiple Kamikaze hits caused serious casualties and extensive damages which required major repairs in the U.S..

On January 22, 1946, the Saratoga was assigned to Operation Crossroads. There were 19 ships including the Saratoga, other carriers, a Japanese battleship and a submarine being deployed to the Eniwetok Atolls. Their mission was to become targets for the Pacific Proving Grounds nuclear tests. They wanted to see what damage an atomic bomb would do to the fleet. They wanted volunteers to take the Saratoga out to sea and to be part of a skeleton crew. That's when I got out of the Navy. They moved all of the civilians off the island of Eniwetok. They used an air burst atomic bomb and the Saratoga did not sink from the air burst. The Japanese battle ship went down. They followed with an underwater blast named "Baker" and that is when the Saratoga sank. Underwater divers have gone down to take pictures of the damaged ships. They can't do more because the ships were loaded for war. They had bombs on board, and planes on board the carriers. The ships were set up as they would be for going to war.

When I left the active duty military, I joined the Navy Guard at Buckley. That was when it was a Naval Air Station. I served for four years. When my time was just about up, Korea happened and they extended me for 16 months. They called it an involuntary recall. I spent 12 months of the 16 on the end of my four years. It was in 1951 that the Navy Fighter Squadron VF-716 Vultures went to Korea and honorably served aboard the USS Antietam (CV-36)

In 1966 I went to work at Fort Carson. I had a crew of civilians and military rebuilding the M-60 tanks. It was the only diesel engine tank that America ever had. They were basically a solid crankshaft base and the upper part was like an aircraft rotary engine. All of the American tanks were built that way. The first ones used 145 octane gasoline. And the Sherman World War II tank was known as the Ronson Lighter because it lit every time. That was the problem with the tanks during World War II, they used 145 octane gas. Then they changed and used the same design in a diesel. I worked 3 years at Fort Carson. We built 22 engines. We rebuilt 11 tanks completely. Two of my civilians were regular tank mechanics. We rebuilt everything on the tank except the artillery; of course there wasn't much body work except for painting which we did not do. And then they closed the project because they were building the new M-1. They laid us off and I called a friend of mine, General Moffitt. During WWII, Joe Moffitt flew the DC-3 over the Hump into China for the Flying Tigers. He flew supplies. A couple of his brother in laws worked out of Buckley in POL. One was a pilot. Joe's sister was my school teacher from the second to the eighth grade. Her name was Mary. The school was two stories high and had a fence on each side and he flew in, touched down inside of the fence and took off again before anyone knew what happened. Then there was talk of him flying under the railroad trussels on the other side of the arsenal. I asked if they had any jobs at Buckley. He said report to the civilian officer tomorrow. I reported, was hired, and I worked until 1994.

And then on my civilian side, I went to diesel school and building school. I worked for the U.S. Forest Service for 3 years, the railroad for 3 years; I worked for Consolidated Gas for 3 years. They hauled propane. I worked on their trucks. Consolidated Gas was bought out by Phillips Petroleum. They gave me my 3 years and I worked for them another 7 years at the airport. I was a refueler. I was a civilian. That is how I came into the refueling/maintenance section of the Guard because of my background. They got 3 new propane trucks and Neil Burke was the superintendent of the motor pool. He spent two weeks and they couldn't get them running. He looked at my record and saw that I had 7 years of experience with building refueling trucks and working with propane. Burke said "I'll transfer you to refueling maintenance". Our shop was way out in the middle of the field. It was a Quonset. I went down and got the trucks going. I ended up as the work leader in the new building. I worked one year in the new building.

All in all, I have no complaints. All of my Navy friends are gone but I have a chance to come to the Other Side of the Mountain Gang meetings and talk to people like MO Etter about the good old days and occasionally tell a joke.

Thank you,

Kenneth Forrest



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9-11:30 a.m.

**LUNCHEON & PROGRAM**

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

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**REGISTER:**

- Begins Aug. 5, 2015
- \$22 per person
- Groups of 10 or more: \$20 per person
- Group registration deadline: Sept. 25
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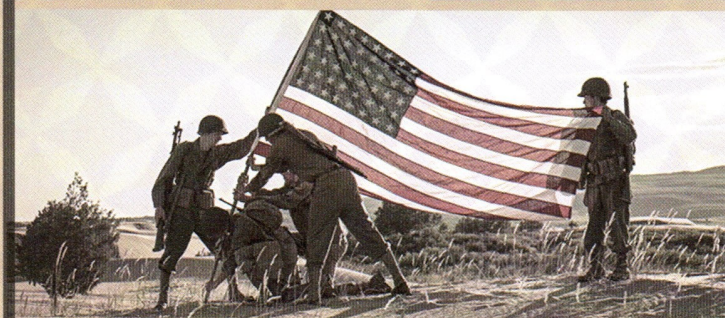
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